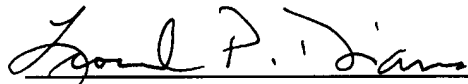


REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-12, 15-21, and 24-39 are pending in the present application and have been allowed. The present Amendment proposes to re-word dependent Claims 3 and 12 to eliminate what is believed to be an unnecessary, and possibly confusing, word. These changes are purely formal, and are proposed only to clarify the claim language; they are purely formal, and no change in scope of any claim is either intended, or believed, to be involved. Applicants respectfully submit that the changes do not require further search and/or consideration, and accordingly, entry of this Amendment is believed proper and is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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